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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMSCLAIM HISTORY

Claims 1 - 20 are presently pending.

Claims 1 - 20 are presently rejected.

Claims 1, 3, and 11 are amended.

Claim 18 is canceled.

Claim 21 is new.

Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (currently amended) A work surface device for supporting a workpiece, comprising:

- a. a first member,
- b. a second member having a first section and a second section,
- c. a base member,
- d. said first member rotably hinged to said first section of said second member using rotatable friction hinges, said rotatable friction hinges providing for reversibly securely positioning said first member and said second member at a plurality of angles with respect to each other and with respect to said base member.
- e. said base member rotably hinged to said second section of said second member using rotatable friction hinges, said rotatable friction hinges providing for reversibly securely positioning said second member and said base member at a plurality of angles with respect to each other and with respect to said first member, and
- f. ~~means for reversibly securely positioning said first member and said second member at a plurality of angles with respect to each other and with respect to said base member,~~ wherein said base member supports said device.

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Claim 2 (original) The work surface device, as recited in Claim 1, further comprising a support means for supporting the workpiece on a first surface of said first member.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The work surface device, as recited in Claim 2, wherein said support means for supporting the workpiece further comprises supporting the workpiece in various positions on said first surface of said first member.

Claim 4 (original) The work surface device, as recited in Claim 1, wherein said device further comprises at least one receptacle means functionally adapted for holding a work tool.

Claim 5 (original) The work surface device, as recited in Claim 1, wherein said device further comprises at least one holder means functionally adapted for holding a container.

Claim 6 (original) The work surface device, as recited in Claim 5, wherein said at least one container holder means is detachably attached to said device.

Claim 7(original) The work surface device, as recited in Claim 6, further comprising means for storing said at least one detached container holder means.

Claim 8 (original) The work surface device, as recited in Claim 1, further comprising a first edge of said base member shaped to conform to a shape of a person's lap.

Claim 9 (original) The work surface device, as recited in Claim 1, further comprising wherein said device is made of plastic.

Claim 10 (original) The work surface device, as recited in Claim 1, further comprising wherein said device is made of wood.

Claim 11 (currently amended) A work surface device for supporting a workpiece, comprising:

- a. a first member,

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- b. a second member having a first section and a second section,
- c. a base member,
- d. said first member rotably hinged to said first section of said second member using rotatable friction hinges, said rotatable friction hinges providing for reversibly securely positioning said first member and said second member at a plurality of angles with respect to each other and with respect to said base member,
- e. said base member rotably hinged to said second section of said second member using rotatable friction hinges, said rotatable friction hinges providing for reversibly securely positioning said second member and said base member at a plurality of angles with respect to each other and with respect to said first member, and
- f. ~~means for reversibly securely positioning said first member and said second member at a plurality of angles with respect to each other and with respect to said base member,~~ wherein said base member supports said device and a first shaped edge of said base member conforms to a shape of a person's lap.

Claim 12 (original) The work surface device, as recited in Claim 11, further comprising a support for supporting the workpiece on a first surface of said first member.

Claim 13 (original) The work surface device, as recited in Claim 12, wherein said support for the workpiece further comprises supporting the workpiece in various positions on said first surface of said first member.

Claim 14 (original) The work surface device, as recited in Claim 11, wherein said device further comprises at least one receptacle means functionally adapted for holding a work tool.

Claim 15 (original) The work surface device, as recited in Claim 11, wherein said device further comprises at least one holder means functionally adapted for holding a container.

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Claim 16 (original) The work surface device, as recited in Claim 15, wherein said at least one container holder means is detachably attached to said device.

Claim 17 (original) The work surface device, as recited in Claim 16, further comprising means for storing said at least one detached container holder means.

Claim 18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (original) The work surface device, as recited in Claim 11, further comprising wherein said device is made of plastic.

Claim 20 (original) The work surface device, as recited in Claim 11, further comprising wherein said device is made of wood.

Claim 21 (new) A work surface device for supporting a workpiece, comprising:

- a. a first planar member for workpiece support,
- b. a second member having a first section and a second section,
- c. a planar base member for supporting the device on a surface, said planar base member shaped to fit comfortably about a person when the surface is a user's lap,

said first planar member rotably hinged to said first section of said second member using rotatable friction hinges, said rotatable friction hinges providing for reversibly securely positioning said first planar member and said second member at a plurality of angles with respect to each other and with respect to said planar base member,

said planar base member rotably hinged to said second section of said second member using rotatable friction hinges, said rotatable friction hinges providing for reversibly securely positioning said second member and said planar base member at a plurality of angles with respect to each other and with respect to said first planar member, and

- d. a support means for supporting the workpiece on a first surface of said first planar member, wherein said support means for supporting the

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workpiece comprises means for supporting the workpiece in various positions on said first surface of said first member.